

### REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2004. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

#### Status of the Claims

Claims 2-13 and 16-19 are under consideration in this application. Claims 1-2, 4-7, 9, 11, 15 and 18 are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3, 8, 10, 12-14 and 16-17 are being amended, as set forth in the above marked-up presentation of the claim amendments, in order to more particularly define and distinctly claim applicants' invention. New claims 19-23 are being added to recite other embodiments described in the specification.

#### Additional Amendments

All the amendments to the Title of the Invention and the claims are supported by the specification. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

#### Formality Rejection

The Title of the Invention was objected to as not being descriptive, and the Examiner has requested that a new title be submitted. As indicated, the claims have been amended as required by the Examiner. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the outstanding informality rejection is in order, and is therefore respectfully solicited.

#### Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,363,337 to Amith (hereinafter "Amith"), and claims 5 - 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Amith. These rejections have been carefully considered, but are most respectfully traversed.

The system management information processing method for use with a plurality of operating systems 4-6 (Fig. 1), which output messages of mutually different types and have

mutually different command systems, each of the operating systems 4-6 can access a storage and a display 21 of the invention (for example, the embodiment depicted in Figs. 1-4; pp. 8-15), as now recited in claim 8, comprises the steps of: acquiring a plurality of original messages 40 (Fig. 3) outputted from said operating systems 4-6; dividing each of said original messages 40 into respective word units 41 ("TEXT 40b IS DIVIDED PER WORD" Fig. 3 (1) which are separated by blanks; Step 50 in Fig. 4; p. 14, lines 7-9; p. 12, lines 21-26; *"The program 14 divides text information 40b of a message 40 .... into word units or per word to generate message information 41 including the divided words"* p. 12, lines 21-26); referring to a file 19 (Fig. 1) stored in said storage thereby corresponding a record 30a (Fig. 2) in the file 19 to each of the original messages 40, the record 30a containing at least one selection condition 31 (e.g., WORD3=JSF621D) each of which includes (i) a definition of said selection condition including a character string "JSF621D" as part of said each of the original messages 40, and (ii) positional information "WORD3" indicating a relative position "3" of said character string "JSF621D" in said word units 41 (Step 51 in Fig. 4; p. 14, lines 10-13; p. 11, lines 10-18); and converting said word units 41 into a common format message 42 corresponding to said selection condition 31 (Step 56 in Fig. 4; p. 15, lines 6-10; p. 13, lines 13-17).

The invention is also directed to a system management information processing method (for example, the embodiment depicted in Figs. 1-2 & 5-7; pp. 15-18), as now recited in claim 12, that comprises the steps of: the acquiring and dividing steps recited in claim 8, referring to a file 20 stored in said storage thereby corresponding a record 60a (Fig. 5) in the file 20 to one of said original message 40 by matching a set of selection conditions 61(e.g., WORD3=JSF621D) contained therein, each of said selection conditions containing (i) a definition of said selection condition including a character string "JSF621D" as part of said each of the original messages 40, and (ii) positional information "WORD3" indicating a relative position "3" of said character string "JSF621D" in said word units 41; converting said word units 41 into respective correspondence information 70 corresponding to said selection conditions 61; and relating said original message 40 outputted from said operating systems ("ORG MSG" p. 18, line 10) to said correspondence information 70. Claim 21 (Fig. 9; p. 20, line 24 to p. 21, line 21) recites two additional steps of generating a command 71 for a designated operating system (according to a defined command format, p. 20, lines 26-27) to be executed as set in said correspondence information 70; and transmitting said command 71 to said designated operating system for execution.

The invention is further directed to a system management information processing method, as now recited in claim 13, comprising the steps of: the dividing step recited in claim 8, the referring and converting steps recited in claims 8 and 12.

Applicants contend that none of the cited prior art references teaches or suggests such a step of "dividing each of said original messages 40 into respective word units 41" thereby converting said word units 41 (1) into a *common format message 42* corresponding to said selection condition 31 (claims 8 and 13), or (2) into respective *correspondence information 70* corresponding to said selection conditions 61; and relating said original message 40 outputted from said operating systems to said correspondence information 70 (Claims 12-13) according to the invention. Both the *common format message 42* and the *correspondence information 70* can be shared by the plurality of operating Systems.

In contrast, Amith simply divides the text message into any word units (one of which may indicate to a desired format for message conversion), or convert the word units into the *common format message 42* or the *correspondence information 70* to be shared by a plurality of operating Systems.

As to the OpenView Network Node Manager® provided by Hewlett-Packard® ("NNM") reference, NNM merely generates and keeps a token message, and then generates another message from a catalogue format inputted with token values (p. 2, lines 8-23; p. 3, line 22 to p. 4, line 16). However, NNM simply does not "divide each said original message into word units" as does the invention.

Applicants contend that all the cited references or their combinations fail to teach or disclose each and every feature of the present invention as disclosed in the independent claims 8 and 12-13. As such, the present invention as now claimed is distinguishable and thereby allowable over the rejections raised in the Office Action. The withdrawal of the outstanding prior art rejections is in order, and is respectfully solicited.

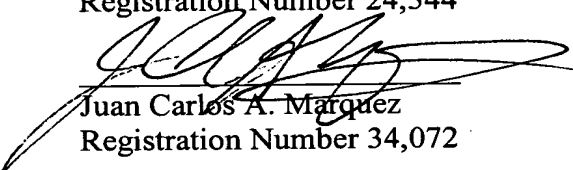
### Conclusion

In view of all the above, clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention as now claimed and the prior art reference upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely, Applicants respectfully contend that the prior art references cannot anticipate the present invention or render the present invention obvious. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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